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SUBJ: FRENCH ENERGY INITIATIVE II

1. SUMMARY. MINISTER ROUGE (ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, FRENCH MISSION UN) CALLED ON AMB FERGUSON UNDER INSTRUCTIONS TO SET FORTH NEW FRENCH ENERGY INITIATIVE. ROUGE INDICATED THAT SPECIAL ENVOYS HAD BEEN DISPATCHED TO WASHINGTON AND TOKYO FOR SAME PURPOSE. ROUGE SAID PROPOSED CONFERENCE WOULD "DEAL WITH THE ENERGY PROBLEMS". DESPITE NUMEROUS QUESTIONS, HE DID NOT SPELL OUT PURPOSE, TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION, OR EXPLAIN EXACT RELATIONSHIP OF PROPOSED NEW CONFERENCE TO EARLIER FRENCH CALL FOR GLOBAL ENERGY CONFERENCE UNDER UN FRAMEWORK. END SUMMARY.

2. ROUGE STATED THAT PRESIDENT GISCARD IN HIS RECENT PRESS CONFERENCE LAID FOUNDATION FOR INITIATIVE WHICH HAD BEEN UNDER DISCUSSION INSIDE FRENCH GOVERNMENT FOR LAST 60 DAYS. ACCORDING TO ROUGE, FRENCH GOVERNMENT WOULD SERVE AS HOST FOR CONFERENCE OF APPROXIMATELY 12 STATES, WITH 10 ATTENDING PREPARATORY CONFERENCE IN PARIS TO DETERMINE STATES TO BE INVITED, AGENDA, AND GUIDELINES FOR DISCUSSION. TEN STATES FRENCH WOULD PROPOSE TO INVITE TO

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WESTERN CONSUMERS; IRAN, VENEZUELA, ALGERIA AND SAUDI ARABIA, REPRESENTING OPEC; AND ZAIRE, BRAZIL AND INDIA, REPRESENTING THIRD WORLD CONSUMERS AND POTENTIAL PRODUCERS.

3. ROUGE SUGGESTED THAT FRENCH WOULD THINK A CONFERENCE OF 12 STATES WOULD BE OPTIMUM MANAGEABLE NUMBER. IN ADDITION TO STATES, HE SAID PLAN WAS TO INVITE UN SYG, OPEC SYG AND OECD SYG TO CONFERENCE AND PERHAPS TO PREP CONF.

4. AMB FERGUSON THANKED ROUGE FOR PRESENTATION INDICATING HE HAD HEARD RUMORS OF NEW INITIATIVE IN UN. ROUGE CONFIRMED THAT WALDHEIM ALREADY INFORMED OF INITIATIVE. HE DECLINED TO STATE WALDHEIM'S REACTION.

5. FERGUSON INQUIRED AS TO RELATION BETWEEN FRENCH INITIATIVE AND YAMANI (SAUDI ARABIAN PET MIN) INITIATIVE. ROUGE RESPONDED FRENCH WERE UNCLEAR AS TO STATUS OF YAMANI PROPOSAL OBSERVING THAT THAT PROPOSAL APPARENTLY NEVER BEEN FORMALLY PUT EITHER WITHIN OR WITHOUT THE UN SYSTEM. HE ADMITTED HOWEVER THAT, IN STRUCTURE, YAMANI AND FRENCH PROPOSALS HAD SUBSTANTIAL OVERLAP.

6. WHEN QUERIED AS TO RELATION OF FRENCH ENERGY INITIATIVE I (PROPOSAL FOR WORLD ENERGY CONFERENCE UNDER UN FLAG AND PROPOSAL FOR INTERSESSIONAL COMMITTEE WHICH WOULD DEAL WITH, INTER ALIA, ENERGY MATTERS INTRODUCED IN SIXTH SPECIAL SESSION), ROUGE REPLIED THAT THAT DORMANT INITIATIVE WOULD BE SUPPLANTED IF NEW CONFERENCE CAME INTO BEING.

7. FERGUSON NOTED THAT FRENCH PRESIDENT IN PRESS CONFERENCE HAD SEEMED TO SIGNAL SUBTLE SHIFT IN FRENCH POSITION ON INDEXATION, PARTICULARLY AS IT RELATED TO OIL PRICE PROBLEM. ROUGE DENIED THAT FRENCH NOW IN FAVOR OF INDEXATION IN "RIGID FORM", BUT ASSERTED THAT MATTER OF INDEXATION MIGHT BE AN APPROPRIATE WAY FOR ALL PARTIES AND INTERESTS TO BEGIN DIALOGUE, WHICH WOULD INCLUDE "DISCUSSIONS OF THE RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN PRICES OF COMMODITIES, MANUFACTURED GOODS AND ENERGY."

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8. FERGUSON SAID FULL REPORT WOULD BE MADE ON CONVERSATION BUT THAT HE (FERGUSON) NOT UNDER INSTRUCTIONS ON US POSITON RE NEW INITIATIVE.
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